$1 Million Offered For Nixon Papers

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Otto E. Passman, D-La., said Wednesday he is in touch with a syndicate of businessmen who have offered President Nixon $1 million for his controversial vice-presidential papers.

Passman told of the offer in a brief House speech and elaborated in an interview.

"I hope the committee that thought he had no right to a deduction for the donation of the papers is equally sure that they are his property," Passman told the House. "He was deprived on a technicality of benefits some of his predecessors had."

He said among those interested in the purchase was former Louisiana Gov. James A. Noe.

The syndicate intended to sell syndicating and book rights to the documents, Passman said, adding "I think they will make plenty of money." He said they indicated they would be willing to pay Nixon, in addition to the $1 million, 10 per cent of any proceeds above that amount.